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1. USDEL MADE POINTS REFTEL BILATERALLY WITH NUMBER OF OTHER

GROUP B DELEGATIONS (AND SOME LDC DELEGATIONS) IN RECENT DAYS AND FORMALLY PROPOSED COMMON GROUP B ACTION ON MATTER AT AUGUST 13 CAUCUS. WHILE WE HAVE RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE SYMPATHY FOR OUR VIEW, OTHER GROUP B COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN UNWILLING TAKE FIRM STAND. WHEN WE RAISED MATTER IN CAUCUS AUGUST 13, GROUP B SPOKESMAN (AMB. PUTMAN OF BELGIUM) SAID HE HAD IMPRESSION FROM SYG COREA THAT THERE WAS NO POSSIBILITY OF ACHIEVING POSTPONEMENT. HOWEVER, IN RESPONSE TO OUR INSISTENCE HE AGREED TAKE MATTER UP AGAIN WITH COREA. WHEN CALENDAR OF MEETINGS ITEM CAME UP IN PLENARY AUGUST 13, WE SUGGESTED DEFERRING FINAL CONSIDERATION UNTIL THERE HAD BEEN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS TIMING OF PATENT MEETING. THIS AGREED.

2. AT AUGUST 14 GROUP B MEETING AMB PUTMAN SAID THAT HE HAD AGAIN RAISED MATTER WITH COREA AND THAT COREA HAD RESPONDED THAT POSTPONEMENT "IMPOSSIBLE" IN VIEW UNCTAD SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS. COREA HAD ALSO SAID THAT KEY DOCUMENT WOULD BE CIRCULATED TOMORROW, WHICH SEEMED SATISFACTORY TO PUTMAN. HE THEREFORE CONCLUDED THAT THERE COULD NOT BE GROUP B POSITION ON MATTER AND ANY DELEGATIONS WHICH WANTED TO PRESS FOR POSTPONEMENT SHOULD GO AHEAD ON THEIR OWN. DUTCH SOPKE IN FAVOR OF THAT APPROACH, NOTING THAT THEY DID NOT AGREE TO COMMON GROUP B EFFORT TO GET MEETING POSTPONED. U.S. SPOKE FORCEFULLY ABOUT NEED FOR DOCUMENTATION WELL IN ADVANCE OF MEETINGS AND THAT RECEIVING LENGTHY DOCUMENT ON IMPORTANT AND COMPLICATED SUBJECT WEEK BEFORE OPENING OF MEETING CERTAINLY UNSATISFACTORY AND DID NOT PERMIT ADEQUATE PREPARATION. NO OTHER GROUP B DELEGATION SPOKE UP IN SUPPORT OF US VIEW. AT AUGUST 13 CAUCUS CANADIANS HAD OBSERVED THAT IF GROUP B NOT PREPARED FOR MEETING THEY COULD INSIST ON ABBREVIATED SESSIONS AND USE TIME FOR WORKING OUT OUR OWN GROUP B POSITION SO AS TO BE PREPARED FOR FUTURE MEETINGS ON SUBJECT.).

3. WHEN CALENDAR OF MEETINGS COMES UP AGAIN IN PLENARY, WE INTEND MAKE STRONG STATEMENT AND IN MEANTIME WILL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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URGE AS MANY AS POSSIBLE OTHER GROUP B MEMBERS TO ALSO SPEAK. HOWEVER, IN VIEW RESULTS AUGUST 14 GROUP B CAUCUS, WE SEE NO REAL POSSIBILITY AT THIS STAGE OF GETTING MEETING POSTPONED.DALE

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